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**REISSUE LITIGATION
REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION
ATTORNEY DO. NO. 4164-133**

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Inventor(s): John F. Acres et al.

Serial No. 09/373,034

Patent Reissue Filing Date: August 11, 1999

Title: METHOD FOR OPERATING NETWORKED GAMING DEVICES

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**Response to Communication Regarding Prior Art
Citation Under 37 CFR 1.501 dated March 28, 2001**

The attached original Information Disclosure Statement submitted in this reissue application on July 28, 2000 has been incorrectly returned. The IDS was submitted for the pending reissue application and not for the issued patent, as indicated in the attached communication dated March 28, 2001.

Applicant requests that the attached IDS be made of record in the pending reissue application.

Any questions about this IDS or the reissue application can be addressed to the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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: COMMUNICATION REGARDING
: PRIOR ART CITATION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.501
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Receipt is acknowledged of the "Information Disclosure Statement" which has recently been associated with the file of the above referenced patent. This paper is treated as a prior art citation pursuant to 35 USC 301 and 37 CFR 1.501.

The citation has been reviewed in detail, and is not considered to be a proper citation under 35 USC 301 and 37 CFR 1.501 because it is not limited to patents and printed publications as required by the statute and regulation. See also MPEP § 2205. Accordingly, the citation is being returned to patent owner as an attachment to this communication, and will not be made of record in the file of the patent. It is noted that no document copies accompanied the filing of this statement.

The patented file is being returned to storage.

Attachment

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to a telephone conversation between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Harrison in April 2000, all of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449, are not submitted with this IDS.

Rather, due to the large volume, litigation documents and other nonpatent publications, where indicated on the attached Form 1449, are incorporated by reference from copending application no. 08/922,046, filed September 2, 1997, and assigned to the assignee of the present application ('046 application).

Some of the documents incorporated by reference are assembled into Volume IX. Others of the incorporated documents were not bound into separate volumes, but were submitted individually for consideration in the '046 application as indicated on the attached 1449.

The Examiner in the '046 application allowed all of the claims over the information in Volumes I through VIII, which are listed in the IDS submitted when this reissue application was filed, and over the information in this IDS that is incorporated by reference in this IDS from the '046 application.

Accompanying this IDS are copies of all documents in the 1449 that are not incorporated by reference

Applicant requests that the Examiner in this application review the references listed on the Form 1449 attached to this IDS and allow the claims presented in this reissue application. Any questions about this IDS or the reissue application can be addressed to the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Exam Init</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Sub- Class</u>
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_____	_____	4,467,424	8/21/84	Hedges et al.	364	412
_____	_____	4,575,622	3/11/86	Pellegrini	235	382
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_____	_____	AU B 71194/91	8/22/91	2/19/91	Hilgendorf et al.
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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Reference documents listed below are incorporated by reference from copending application no. 08/922,046, filed September 2, 1997, and assigned to the assignee of the present application ('046 application) as indicated in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

Volume IX

_____	_____	Deposition of Derell M. Jones and Exhibits 618, 619 & 620
_____	_____	Deposition of John F. Acres and Exhibits 706 (color copies), 709 & 715
_____	_____	Acres' Responses to CDS' Proposed Findings of Fact Regarding CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,882 (On-Sale Bar) [Filed <i>Under Seal</i> – Subject to Protective Order]
_____	_____	CDS' Reply Memorandum in Support of CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,882 (On-Sale Bar) [Filed <i>Under Seal</i> – Subject to Protective Order]

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_____	_____	Acres' Responses to Proposed Findings of Fact of Casino Data Systems Regarding CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of US Patent No. 5,836,817 (On-Sale Bar) [Filed <i>Under Seal</i> – Subject to Protective Order]
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

☒ under 37 CFR 1.97 (b), or

(Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of International application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)

☐ under 37 CFR 1.97 (c) together with either a:

☐ Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 (e), or

☐ a \$240 fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (p), or

(After mailing of first Office Action, but prior to Notice of Allowance or Final Office

Action)

☐ under 37 CFR 1.97 (d) together with either:

☐ Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 (e),

☐ Applicant hereby petitions for the consideration of the accompanying information disclosure statement (37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(ii).

☐ a \$130.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (i)(1).

(Filed after final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee)

[x] Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449- Information Disclosure Citation together with copies of patents and publications of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. As set forth in the attachment to this IDS, some materials listed on the Form 1449 are incorporated by reference. Copies of documents cited that are not incorporated by reference are enclosed.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703.

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